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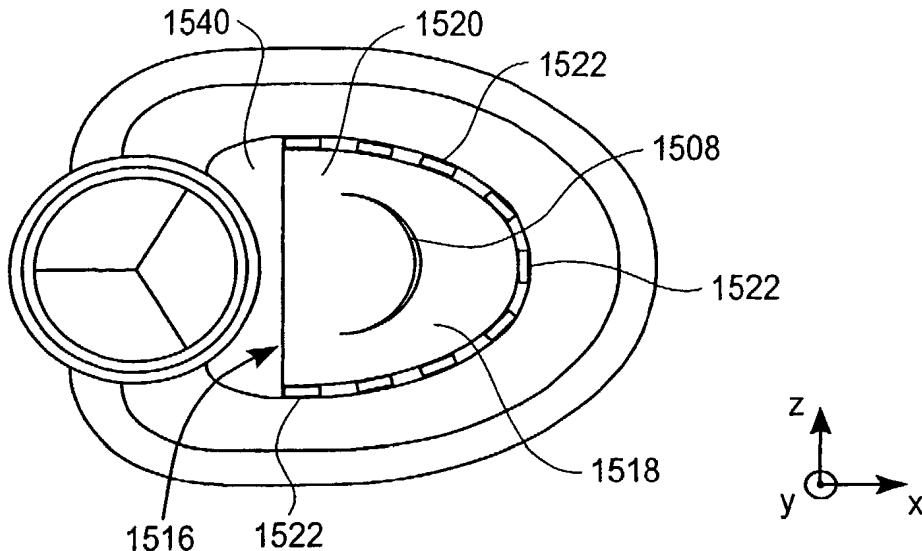
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a minimally invasive method of performing annuloplasty. According to one aspect of the present invention, a method for performing annuloplasty includes creating a first plication in the tissue near a mitral valve of a heart, using at least a first plication element (905), and creating a second plication in the tissue near the mitral valve such that the second plication is substantially coupled to the first plication.

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